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REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. The Office Action dated May 20, 2005 in this Application has been carefully considered. The above amendments and the following remarks are presented in a sincere attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. Claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 19 and 23-24 have been amended in this Response. Claims 2, 4-9, 11, 13-18, 20-22 and 25-28 have been cancelled without prejudice in this Response. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1, 7, 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,447,309 to Vincent ("Vincent"). Claims 4, 5, 6, 10, 13-16, 19, 21 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Vincent, and U.S. Patent No. 5,056,705 to Wakita ("Wakita"). Claims 8, 9, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Vincent, Wakita, and U.S. Patent No. 4,869,507 to Sahm ("Sahm"). Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Vincent, Wakita, and U.S. Patent No. 3,749,408 to Mills ("Mills"). Claims 1, 4-10, 13-21 and 25-28 have been cancelled in this Response, without prejudice to submission in a subsequent continuing application. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejections of Claims 1, 4-10, 13-21 and 25-28 are moot.

Claims 2, 3, 11, 12 and 22-24 have been objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent Claim 1 as amended now includes the limitation formerly recited in dependent Claim 2. Dependent Claim 3 has been amended to depend from Claim 1. Independent Claim 10 as amended now includes the limitation formerly recited in dependent Claim 11. Amended Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent

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Claim 19 as amended now includes the limitation formerly recited in dependent Claim 22. Dependent Claims 23-24 has been amended to depend from Claim 19. Claims 3, and 23-24 depend upon and further limit Claims 1, and 19, respectively. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 19 and 23-24.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 19 and 23-24.

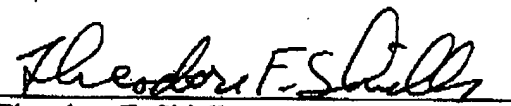
Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for making this reply and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the amount of \$60.00 for the required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP. Applicant does not believe that any other fees are due; however, in the event that any other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP

Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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